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by deleting all of the language following the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, is amended by adding a new appropriately designated section:

- 49-1-6____. (a) The state department of education shall develop and/or revise the alternative assessment for students with disabilities, or TCAP-Alt, to consist of the following two (2) options for types of alternative assessments:
 - (1) An academic skills assessment to be administered at an appropriate level of academic abilities; or
 - (2) A portfolio-based assessment containing only curriculum frameworks required by the rules of the state board of education. Content area requirements for the portfolio assessment shall correspond to curriculum content areas assessed by the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP). Content entry requirements at the elementary and middle school levels shall be limited to content areas measured by the TCAP Achievement Assessment. Content entry requirements at the high school level shall be limited to content areas measured by the TCAP Gateway Tests, TCAP Writing Assessment, and Exit Exams. High school portfolio entry requirements shall correspond with the typical grade level in which the above TCAP assessments are administered. Baseline data points shall be established for the fall and winter, but shall not exceed any federally required minimum.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.